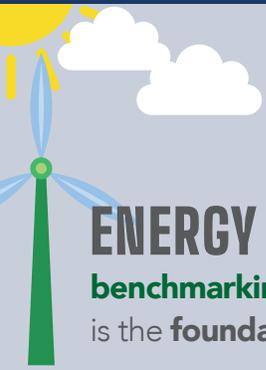


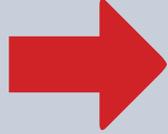
# 2020 Chicago Energy Benchmarking Report ★ ★ ★ ★



## ENERGY

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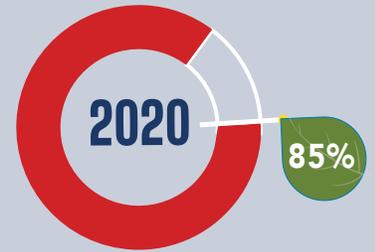
- Reducing energy,
- Saving on utility costs, &
- Supporting clean energy jobs.



## REACH

Under **Chicago Energy Benchmarking**, **85%** of large buildings reported energy use in **2020**, down from **91%** in **2019**.

This drop in compliance rate is likely attributed to increased challenges for buildings operated during the COVID-19 pandemic. In a survey issued to non-compliant buildings in the Fall, several buildings cited a team focus shift to other priorities, or more difficulty engaging with building owners/managers during this time.



## IMPACT AND OPPORTUNITY

The median carbon emissions per square foot (also known as Greenhouse gas emissions intensity) from reporting properties are down by **25%** since **2016**.

Energy use per sq. ft. (also known as Energy Use Intensity) for buildings reporting in the last three consecutive years (2017-2020) has dropped by **9%**.



## BUILDING ON SUCCESS

The **Chicago Energy Rating System** was successfully rolled out in **2019** to increase **awareness** of energy use. Building owners are required to display a placard illustrating their building's energy performance to the general public. Approximately **30%** of buildings which received a one-to-four star rating in **2020**, received a four star rating. Chicago is proud to partner with building owners to be the **first city in the nation** to require this kind of **transparency**.



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